

INTERVIEW SUMMARY Task Order 0001 Site 2 Lower Darby Creek Area

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Name:

Joshua Turner ("WITNESS")



Affiliation:

Former Trash Truck Driver for Ed Lawrenson, Inc.

Telephone:

Type of Interview:

In-Person

Date of Interview:

December 20, 2005

On December 20, 2005, the WITNESS was interviewed in the parking lot of the Wawa store located on Route 322 in Glassboro, New Jersey by Michael McCloskey, Senior Investigator, of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the Potentially Responsible Party search currently being conducted under Task 0001 Site 2 for the Lower Darby Creek Area Site in Delaware County, Pennsylvania (the "Site.") This interview focused on the Clearview Landfill (the "Landfill.") The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS stated that he is not represented by an attorney in this manner and did not want an attorney present. No other persons were present, and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

The WITNESS was shown an aerial photograph of the Site. This aerial photograph was used as a reference throughout the interview. The aerial photograph used during this interview will be forwarded under separate cover.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with Ed Lawrenson, Inc. (ELI) and his association with the Clearview Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that he was employed by ELI from 1965 to approximately 1992 as a trash truck driver. The WITNESS stated that he drove a 20-cubic yard compactor truck for most of the time he worked for ELI.

The WITNESS stated that ELI was owned by Edward Lawrenson and operated approximately nine compactor trash trucks and two roll-off trucks.

When asked if he ever disposed of waste at the Clearview Landfill during the time he was employed by ELI, the WITNESS stated "yes." The WITNESS stated that he disposed of waste at the Landfill approximately five times each week from 1965 until 1975, when the

Landfill closed. The WITNESS stated that all of the ELI trucks disposed of waste at the Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he also knew the Landfill by the name "Heller's Dump."

When asked to identify the locations from which the WITNESS picked up waste and disposed of waste at the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following:

- Thomas Court Shoe Factory: The WITNESS stated that this factory is located in the area of 19th and Allegheny Streets in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that he picked up waste from this location daily. He described the waste as rubber and shoe scraps. When asked if the waste contained glue, the WITNESS stated that he did not know.
- Cutler Sign Company: The WITNESS stated that this company is located at 22nd and Diamond Streets in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that he picked up waste at this location daily. He described the waste as scraps of plastic; broken glass, and paper.
- William Sicheck Clothing Manufacturer (correct spelling unknown): The WITNESS stated that this plant was located in the area of 19th and Allegheny Streets in Philadelphia.
- MAB Paint Stores. The WITNESS stated that MAB Paint operated numerous retail stores under the name MAB Paints. The WITNESS stated that he picked up waste from several of these stores. He was only able to recall the location of one MAB store located on Germantown Avenue in Philadelphia. The WITNESS described the waste as paper and cardboard. When asked if he ever picked up paint cans from these locations, the WITNESS stated that he does not know.
- Great Bear Water Company: The WITNESS stated that this company is located at 17th and Rockledge Streets in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that he could not recall the type of waste picked up from this location or the frequency of pick-ups. The WITNESS stated that ELI maintained a 40-cubic yard container at this location. The WITNESS stated that he did not operate the roll-off truck and did not know what type of waste was disposed in the roll-off container.
- St. Luke's Hospital: The WITNESS stated that the hospital is located at 9th and Girard Streets in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that he cannot recall the types of waste picked up from this location.
- University of Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical College: The WITNESS stated that the
 college was located at 46th Street and Woodland Avenue. The WITNESS stated that
 he picked up waste from this location on a daily basis. The WITNESS could not
 recall the types of waste.
- Quaker Salads: The WITNESS stated that this company was located on Old York Road and he described the waste as food scraps.

Le Bec Fin: The WITNESS stated that he picked up waste at this location daily. The WITNESS described the waste as food scraps.

The WITNESS stated that he picked up waste from many of the restaurants in center city Philadelphia that were located between 15th and 18th Streets. The WITNESS stated that he could not recall any additional specific names.

The WITNESS stated that ELI picked up waste from all of the restaurants in Chinatown in center city Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that he was a relief driver for the Chinatown route. He was unable to recall the names of any of the restaurants.

When asked if ELI was purchased by Eastern Industrial, the WITNESS stated "yes." The WITNESS stated that in approximately 1992, Eastern Waste Inc., which he believes was Eastern Industrial, purchased ELI. The WITNESS stated that this purchase included all of the equipment and customers owned by ELI. The WITNESS stated that he continued to work for Eastern Waste, Inc., until Eastern Waste Inc. was purchased by Atwood's. The WITNESS stated that this purchase occurred approximately six months after the Eastern Waste Inc. purchase of ELI.

The WITNESS stated that the general manager of Eastern Waste, Inc. was John Moore. The WITNESS stated that Al Hawthorn was also one of the senior managers. The WITNESS stated that the owners of the Kinsley Landfill in New Jersey were the owners of Eastern Waste, Inc., and John Moore worked for them. He did not know the names of the owners of the Landfill.

When asked the names of other waste transporters that he observed disposing of waste on the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following:

- 20th Century Hauling: The WITNESS stated that this company owned and operated numerous roll-off containers. He did not know the names of any of the customers of this company.
- Bizzari Hauling.
- Darby Township.
- Ed Kenneally.
- Charles Crumly: The WITNESS stated that Crumly is still in business and operates at 24th and Sedgley Streets.
- City-Wide Services.
- Schiavo Brothers.
- John Price Trash.
- Ace Trash.
- Hawthorn Trash

The WITNESS stated that there were numerous other haulers who disposed of waste at the Clearview Landfill, but he could not recall any more specific names.

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When asked the names of other ELI drivers who disposed of waste at Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following:

- Johnny Williams.
- Tommy Hollywood.

When asked the names of employees of the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following:

- Jimmy McGuire: The WITNESS stated that McGuire was the bulldozer operator.
- Ed Wright: The WITNESS stated that Wright worked at the entrance to the Clearview Landfill taking tickets from the drivers. The WITNESS stated that Wright also owned and operated a box truck that he used to dispose of waste at the Landfill. The WITNESS did not know what types of waste Wright transported to the Landfill.



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University of the Sciences College of Pharmacy Helen F. Giles-Gee, Ph.D., President 600 S. 43rd Street Philadelphia, PA 19104

> Re: Required Submission of Information Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site, Operable Unit 1 - Clearview Landfill

> > Darby Township, Delaware County and and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Giles-Gee:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is seeking information related to the release, or threat of release, of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment from Operable Unit 1 of the Lower Darby Creek Site ("Site"). EPA is investigating the source of contamination in the vicinity of the Clearview Landfill, also known as Heller's Dump (collectively, "Clearview"), located at or near 83rd Street and Buist Avenue in Philadelphia, PA and bordering Darby Creek in Darby Township. The Site also includes the Folcroft Landfill and Annex located approximately two miles away in Folcroft Borough, Delaware County. This information request is limited to Clearview. An entity called "University of Pennsylvania, Pharmaceutical College" ("University" or "you") was identified by a former employee of Edward Lawrenson, Inc. who recalled transporting waste from a Philadelphia area facility and disposing of such waste at Clearview (see Enclosure F). EPA believes the witness may have incorrectly referenced the University of the Sciences, College of Pharmacy ("University" or "you"). The specific information required is attached to this letter as Enclosure E.

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